

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 747

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to recognize John Sanford on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, John Sanford is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-four years with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford joined the Department of Agriculture in 1977 as a dairy inspector, in which position he served with acumen and alacrity until 1984, when he became certified by the United States Public Health Service Food and Drug Administration as a Milk Sanitation Rating Officer; and

WHEREAS, in early 2001, John Sanford became the Food Manufacturing Administrator, Regulatory Services, Food and Dairy Section. After eleven years of sterling service in that position, Mr. Sanford will be taking a much deserved retirement on March 31 of this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the International Association of Food's Dairy Quality and Safety Committee, the University of Tennessee Food Science and Technology Advisory Council, the Middle Tennessee State University School of Agribusiness and Agriscience Advisory Board, the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association Scientific Advisory Board, and lending his support to the Board of Directors for Horton Highway Utility District and the Food and Drug Administration, which commissioned him in 2005 to conduct drug inspections; and

WHEREAS, John Sanford also served for six years as a member of the executive board of the National Conference for Interstate Milk Shipments and currently sits on that organization's Single Service Committee and Methods Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Mr. Sanford was selected to serve on the Tennessee State University Food Safety Advisory Committee and gained appointment to the State Agriculture/Forestry Task Force; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he also serves as the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Emergency Services Coordinator to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, in which role John Sanford has, over the past twenty years, brought aid and comfort to countless victims of natural disasters throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Sanford serves as the chair of the Food Security Subcommittee of the Tennessee State Food Safety Task Force and as chair of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency Advisory Committee. He is also a 2005 graduate of the Tennessee Government Management Institute; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he received the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award, given by the University of Tennessee Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture, in November of 2010; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these many contributions, John Sanford has also known our own Representative Eddie Bass since Representative Bass was but a kid on the farm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to John Sanford our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.